

America Attacked

September 11-14, 2001



By Lane Lambert — *The Patriot Ledger*

Drive around any South Shore town, and life looks much as it did a week ago.

Shoppers linger outside storefronts. Teenagers saunter along the sidewalk, lost in headphone music. Homeowners fuss over their lawns and hedges.

Amid the familiar and the ordinary, you can't see their battle scars: The strain and

fatigue of people who were pitched into a new kind of war on Tuesday morning, when suicide terrorists crashed hijacked commercial jets into the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

In the fireballs of Manhattan and the wreckage in Washington, they saw their own Pearl Harbor — a distant event revived by a shadowy new enemy, who suddenly seemed all too real, and all too near.

Like Japan's 1941 surprise attack on Hawaii, Tuesday's strikes blindsided and upended national life. This assault hasn't heralded the blackouts and air-raid drills that marked the homefront then, but World War II never brought the humbling sights of silent skies and empty sports stadiums.

As disaster crews clear the ruins and

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Your VOICES

Five years from now, I hope people will look back on this as the day we became a little educated about some things. But it's still too early to talk about how this is going to change our lives. Everybody is still in shock. You can see it in the stores in town. Everybody has their head down. They're silent. That's why we put the "God bless America and our families" sign out by the road, as more of a comfort, because you could see the sorrow in everybody's faces.

Robert Mowbray, 35
Co-owner, Village Gardens of Norwell
Hanover

People are going to walk around a lot more fearful now, I think. The threat is here now, and we thought we were so untouchable. Is this our Pearl Harbor? It could be. I was talking to my mother about that, and she said, at least at Pearl Harbor we knew who the enemy was.

Susie Wilson, 34
Homemaker
Duxbury

I'm supposed to fly to Chicago for a family Thanksgiving visit, but I told my parents, "I'm not going." Everyone else said, "Go ahead and go, it will be all right." I'm thinking about it, but right now I don't want to go.

Nicole McCauley, 20
Massasoit Community College student,
Weymouth

This is rattling our world, but it could be in some good ways, too. This could bring our communities closer together, and challenge our spiritual faith. Maybe we've been fighting a war all along. We just hadn't been attacked. But how do you deal with terrorists? Do you terrorize them?

Michelle Levangie, 32
Nurse
Marshfield

People need to realize that we need to take security seriously. It has to become a necessary part of our life. Day-to-day life won't change much. I don't think the average person will notice much of a difference, except for the longer time that airport check-ins and boarding will take.

Ed Skorupski, 30,
Electrician
Kingston

Special Report



■ The Statue of Liberty stands in the early morning light in New York Harbor as smoke continues to rise from what is left of the World Trade Center towers in this view from Jersey City, N.J.

Associated Press photos

Black Tuesday

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search for the dead, all those who've watched the grim scenes find themselves struggling with grief, anger and a fresh, abiding unease that the two youngest generations of Americans have never felt.

But no one speaks of a loss of innocence. They talk instead of a shattering of illusions.

What the terrorists killed, along with thousands of innocent victims, was the notion that wide oceans, the world's most powerful military, and a live-and-let-live culture were enough to keep a rich, distracted and open country safe.

Since Tuesday, people who reflexively complained about noisy Logan Airport flights have nervously paused at the rumble of an F-16 fighter jet streaking high overhead on a patrol flight toward Boston. Others fearfully imagine Boeing 767s smashing into the John Hancock Tower or Prudential Center in Boston. Nobody wants to think about boarding one.

Moms and dads haunted by such nightmares are leaving work early, to hold their children close. Everyone who knows anyone in New York and D.C. is calling family and friends just to hear their voices, however far they live and work from the terror sites. Thousands who haven't visited a church, synagogue or mosque in years are seeking the refuge of prayer vigils.

Some are clinging to the comfort of out-of-the-way zip codes. "No one knows where Hanson is," a woman of that town told a friend a few hours after Tuesday's attacks.

Others have embraced home in different ways. Motorists who pass the Village Gardens lawn and plant shop in Norwell can see a small sandwich board that says, "God bless America and our families."

Similar messages have sprouted up at Pick's Deli and the Elks Lodge in Marshfield, at East Coast Fence Co. in Kingston, at the Holiday Inn and West Corner Farm in Randolph. Commuters heading through Milton on the Southeast Expressway can look up to an overpass and see a "United We Stand" placard in red, white and blue.

Such declarations of defiance haven't been brandished since the Persian Gulf War. American flags have multiplied at front doors and store entrances, too. No one has tied yellow ribbons to trees and mailboxes, as they did a decade ago, because no one is quite sure what kind of war the country may be forced to fight.

A few are impatient for retaliation. "Bomb them all," a 50-year-old Marshfield military veteran matter-of-factly said, without naming any extremist groups or nations. Most other folks seem willing to hold their yearning for revenge in check — for now.

Bruised of soul and raw of nerve, they're waiting for America's adversary to be named, and found. ■



■ Plumes of smoke pour from the World Trade Center buildings in New York on Tuesday. Planes crashed into the upper floors of both World Trade Center towers minutes apart Tuesday in a horrific scene of explosions and fires that left gaping holes in the 110-story buildings. The Empire State building is seen in the foreground.

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■ At 9:03 a.m. on Tuesday terrorists plowed United Airlines Flight 175 into the south tower of the World Trade Center.

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The Air Attack

SKY TERROR

ATTACK Day 1

Sept. 11, 2001

Cascading smoke, choking clouds of yellow, white and deathly gray smoke signalled the start of the "first war of the 21st century" — fallout from two explosions that shook downtown New York City, the nation and the world.

In less than 90 minutes Tuesday morning, 19 hijackers, investigators say, transformed four civilian jumbo jets into missiles that killed 266 passengers and crew, toppled the two towering symbols of American commerce and severely scarred our monument to national defense, the Pentagon.

The worst peacetime slaughter of Americans in history began at 8:45 a.m., when hijackers rammed American Airlines Flight 11 into the north tower of the World Trade Center.

The coordinated assault continued at 9:03, when terrorists plowed United Airlines Flight 175 into the south tower. Both planes, bound for California, took off from Logan Airport in Boston.

At 9:40 a.m., terrorists plunged another hijacked jet, American Airlines Flight 77, into the west side of the Pentagon.

Then at 10 a.m., 80 miles southeast of Pittsburgh, a fourth commandeered jet, United Airlines Flight 93, crashed and exploded in an empty field.

The series of choreographed crashes sent Congress scrambling for cover in secret sanctuaries, and President Bush into cocoons of security at Air Force bases in Louisiana and Nebraska and finally the White House.

Immediately, we began to mourn the thousands of businessmen and businesswomen, secretaries, custodians, military personnel, federal workers, police officers, firefighters and passersby buried in mountains of melted steel, splintered glass and crumbled cement, casualties in what Bush called an attack on "our way of life, our very freedom," by a phantom, faceless foe.

— By JOHN DELERY

7:59 a.m.: American Airlines Flight 11, carrying 92 people, leaves Logan Airport for Los Angeles.

8:01 a.m.: United Airlines Flight 93, carrying 45 people, departs Newark International Airport in New Jersey for San Francisco.

8:14 a.m.: United Airlines Flight 175, carrying 65 people, leaves Boston for Los Angeles.

8:45 a.m.: American Airlines Flight 11 crashes into the north tower of World Trade Center.

The impact ignites the tower, killing all 92 aboard the 767, including the captain, John Ogonowski of Dracut, Mass., and three people either from or formerly from the South Shore: Susan A. (McAleney) Mackay, 44, of Westford, who grew up in Quincy; Jeffrey Coombs, 42, of Abington; and John J. Corcoran III, 44, of Norwell.

A middle-aged blonde woman sat in the lounge of the Marriott Hotel in Quincy, staring into the distance. Her wine sat untouched on the table in front of her, as did the plate of vegetables she had ordered.

She had plane tickets for American Airlines Flight 11, but decided to change her flight at the last minute.

"I'm too shaken up to talk," said the woman, who didn't want to give her name.

A regional director for a retailing company, the woman had spent the previous few days at the Marriott attending company training seminars and was planning to fly home to Los Angeles.

Flight attendant Diane Kiley-McCarthy of Duxbury spent most of the day nervously watching television, sobbing and pondering fate.

American Airlines Flight 11 between Boston and Los Angeles is Kiley-McCarthy's regular route. Because of serendipitous scheduling, she missed being on the plane by one day.

And for a split second Tuesday, she felt lucky, but then overwhelming sadness and pain offset her good fortune.

The American Airlines crew on the hijacked plane were her co-workers and friends. They were people she had flown alongside every week for more than 15 years.

"I'm devastated," she said. "I've been in tears all day. I try to get up and I feel good for a little while, but then it all comes back. It's overwhelming."

She is scheduled to make the Boston to Los Angeles trip Saturday. But it remains unclear whether she will ever fly that route again.

"I never thought I would do anything but this job," she said, "but I'm suddenly thinking there might



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My 6-year-old son asked me two chilling questions last night: One, if he could take down his GI Joe Classic Collection of U.S. Generals and two, will Daddy come home from the fire station tomorrow? I cried quietly, as I have for days.

Robyn Pasqualucci, 43
Homemaker
Hanover

The sense of security that Americans have always felt and assumed is gone. Our world and our way of looking at it will never be the same.

James Boudreau, 36
Town Administrator
Norwell

I fully support the president in tracking down the perpetrators and those who may be harboring these terrorists. Clearly, a message must be sent to the world that our democracy and freedom must be defended.

Mitch Marcus, 48
Insurance broker
Hingham

I cried openly, wiped my tears, then cried again. I was weeping not only for those who had lost loved ones, but for our country as a whole. I was selfishly grateful that I had not lost anyone close, and thanked God. I know that I will no longer take my freedom and this country's peace for granted.

Sarah Boynton, 41
At-home mom
Hingham

Our future is uncertain, and I don't like to make assumptions about what is to come. That is what this event has brought to my attention — always be ready to go, because the end may be only a moment away.

Heather Beckley
Campus Camera Editor-in-Chief
Eastern Nazarene College
Quincy

Sixteen-year-olds in America now hold a respect for life that usually comes only with age... Being a teenager in America will never again be the same for our generation, but being Americans allows us all to overcome.

Meghan Dwyer, 16
High school senior
Norwell

Your VOICES

I think this tragedy will have effects worldwide and create fear of what will come next. My heart goes out to all of the victims and their families.

Tom Maloney, 41
Architect
Hingham

Military action will only subdue terrorism, not eradicate it. All religions, cultures and races have extremist factions that use violence and fear to achieve their aims. Extremists must be persuaded . . . that their vision is best achieved through cooperation and collaboration – not destruction and devastation.

David T. Hannan, 59
President/CEO, South Shore Hospital
Weymouth

I'm not a "turn the other cheek" sort of person. I think it's time for no more "Mr. Nice Guy." We need to get "lean and mean," in a way. We need to eliminate our need on imported oil. We need to tighten down our borders.

Pat Traynor, 49
Web site designer
Marshfield

What type of fanaticism is required to see this horror as an acceptable act? What civilized message could ever be realized from this? How could anyone do this?

Dan Galli, 51
Financial planner
Marshfield

The United States of America has been targeted by forces that have no respect for civilians in their concept of warfare. The days of professional soldiers fighting between themselves is gone, and with it a horrific glimpse into the future that we must face.

Michael DeLuca, 56
Weymouth High School teacher
Weymouth

I believe America should take care of its own first, and all foreign aid to foreign countries should be cut at once. God Bless America

Bob Cheeseman, 56
Postal worker, Vietnam veteran
Marshfield

ATTACK Day 1

Special Report



Associated Press photos

■ People make their way amid debris near the World Trade Center.

The Air Attack FIREBALL

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be another path for me out there."

9:03 a.m.: United Flight 175 crashes into south tower of World Trade Center.

9:51 a.m.: Speaking from Florida, Bush calls the crashes an "apparent terrorist attack on our country." **9:40 a.m.:** American Airlines Flight 77, carrying 64 people from Washington to Los Angeles, crashes into the Pentagon. "(The plane) seemed to be almost coming in slow motion," says Mike Dobbs, standing on one of the upper levels of the outer ring of the Pentagon.

9:48 a.m.: The Capitol and the West Wing of the White House are evacuated. Most Capitol Hill workers have a cell phone pressed to an ear; the most overheard phrase: "I'm OK, Mom."

9:49 a.m.: For the first time ever, the Federal Aviation Administration suspends air travel across the nation and diverts international flights in progress to Canadian airports.

9:50 a.m.: Two World Trade Center – the south tower – collapses.

9:58 a.m.: An emergency dispatcher in Pennsylvania receives a call from a passenger on United Flight 93, who says: "We are being hijacked, we are being hijacked!"

10 a.m.: United Flight 93 crashes 80 miles southeast of Pittsburgh, Pa. Seconds before the plane goes down, Thomas Burnett of San Ramon, Calif., phones his wife, Deena, telling her the flight is doomed but that he and two other passengers are determined to "do something about it."

10:29 a.m.: One World Trade Center – the north tower – collapses from the top down as if it were being peeled apart.

In addition to praying for the victims, Herbert Lyken of Randolph thanked God during Tuesday night's service outside the town's First Congregational Church.

One of his daughters, Leslie Lyken, is an attorney for the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey and worked inside the World Trade Center.

Leslie wasn't in her office Tuesday morning; luckily she had a dentist's appointment.

"We've been very fortunate," Herbert Lyken said. "She's distraught over the fact that some of her fellow workers didn't make it."

10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.: Government buildings across nation are evacuated, including the Capitol and the White House. The United Nations closes. The Securities and Exchange Commission closes all U.S. financial markets.

11:40 a.m.: Bush arrives at Barksdale Air Force Base, La., from Florida, after deciding not to return Washington right away.

Noon: Acting Gov. Jane Swift sends home most of Massachusetts' 55,000 government workers and locks and secures the 1,500 state-owned buildings.

1:04 p.m.: Bush says that all appropriate security measures are being taken, including putting the U.S. military on high alert worldwide.

1:48 p.m.: Bush leaves Barksdale Air Force Base aboard Air Force One and flies to Offutt Air Force Base in Nebraska.

2:51 p.m.: The Navy dispatches missile destroyers and other equipment to New York and Washington.

4:30 p.m.: The president leaves Offutt Air Force Base aboard Air Force One to return to Washington.

5:25 p.m.: The 47-story Building 7 of the World Trade Center complex collapses.

Coated in soot after 12 hours on duty at the towers' carcass, firefighter Rudy Weindler says he has found only four survivors.

"I lost count of all the dead people I saw," Weindler says. "It is absolutely worse than you could ever imagine."

5:30 p.m.: U.S. officials say the plane that crashed in Pennsylvania may have been headed for one of three possible targets: Camp David, the White House or the Capitol building.

6:54 p.m.: Bush arrives back at the White House aboard Marine One.

8:30 p.m.: Bush addresses the nation, says "thousands of lives were suddenly ended by evil." He says the federal government will make no distinction between the terrorists who committed the acts and those who harbor them.



■ Firefighters make their way through the rubble of what was the World Trade Center.



■ A family embraces in thankfulness after the plane they were on was diverted and landed in Texas.



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■ Voter turnout is slow in Quincy, which held preliminary ward elections.



■ Camilla Varvik lights a candle at Gustaf Adolf square in Goteborg, Sweden for the victims of the terrorist attacks.

Special Report

Your VOICES



Associated Press photos

At 17 years old, I have no point of reference from which to judge what I feel in the face of this tragedy.

Adam Tessier, 17
High School student
Weymouth

How could there be so much hate in this world?

Meaghan Smith
High School senior
Weymouth

I saw courage on the faces of the New York firefighters as they walked by me. I saw determination as the National Guard was gathering on Lexington Avenue, and I saw the love of fellow citizens that were gathered in prayer and support around me in our hotel.

Our nation was built on these values and our nation will continue on into the future based on these values.

Melinda J. Watts, 34
Mother, senior corporate trainer
Pembroke

■ On Sept. 12, 2001, emergency personnel worked around the clock to continue rescue efforts amid the wreckage of the World Trade Center.

■ President Bush surveys the damage at the Pentagon on Sept. 12, 2001. He is accompanied by Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, left.

I was sitting in the library in school worrying about how I was going to finish my homework when I heard the radio announce both the World Trade towers in New York have crumbled to the ground. For one of the first times in my life, I feared not only for my own, but also for my family's protection as well.

Elyssa Kanet, 14
Hull High School student
Hull

This is a time when all Americans must resolve to unite to heal, rebuild, and together defeat terrorism. We must each give something of ourselves in our own way. We must make a statement by our positive actions.

Judith Corbett, 55
Science department head
Weymouth public schools
Weymouth

Our nation has changed. In the short term for the worse as we mourn, rebuild and sacrifice personal liberties for our protection. In the long term, we will be better. We will be stronger, more united and never again take the values our country holds for granted.

John D. Covell, 51
Director of Training and Marketing
Herb Chambers Companies
Cohasset

The Aftermath GROUND ZERO

Sept. 12, 2001

The search for answers, clues, suspects and survivors started in New England, New York, Virginia and Pennsylvania. Among the primary suspects: Followers of Osama bin Laden – Islamic Fundamentalist, son of a Saudi Arabian billionaire – who has declared a holy war against the United States.

10 a.m.: Congress reconvenes in the Capitol Building.

10:30 a.m.: New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani says the confirmed death toll has risen to 45, but warns that the final death toll would be grim. "The numbers we are working with are in the thousands," he says.

10:50 a.m.: Speaking to members of Congress and his Cabinet, President Bush says: "The deliberate and deadly attacks which were carried out yesterday against our country were more than acts of terror. They were acts of war. . . . Freedom and democracy are under attack."

11:25 a.m.: A total of nine survivors – six firefighters, and three police officers – have been rescued from the rubble of the World Trade Center. A fellow firefighter at the scene says seven of the men had "fallen into a void that saved their lives."

During the day: Heavily armed Boston police and FBI agents storm the Westin Hotel in Copley Square and detain, question, and later release three people. Sources say the men detained paid for a room with a credit card that matched one of the hijackers had used to pay for plane tickets.

■ Federal agents and local police also search the Park Inn in Newton.

■ Federal agents question employees at a store in Bangor, Maine, where five men with Arab surnames, believed to be members of the team of hijackers, bought cell phones late last week. Store employees initially refused them because the men lacked proper identification, but relented after the men offered to purchase the phones with \$3,000 cash.

■ Investigators say the men called Portland International Jetport, and two of them reserved seats aboard USAir Flight 5930, which flew from Portland to Boston at 6 a.m. Tuesday. At Logan, the two men boarded American Airlines Flight 11, the plane that struck the north tower of the World Trade Center. Authorities believe the other three men drove to Boston in a blue-green Nissan Altima that FBI agents confiscated from a parking garage at Logan and transported to a crime lab in Augusta, Maine.

2:20 p.m.: Transportation Secretary Norman Mineta says that airline flights diverted after Tuesday's attacks could complete

their journeys, but all other planes remain grounded.

2:57 p.m.: Administration officials, defending his circuitous return route to the White House, say President Bush flew from Florida to Air Force bases in Louisiana and Nebraska before returning to Washington because of "real and credible evidence" that he was a target of the hijackers.

"Air Force One is next," an administration official quotes a caller as saying in a threat phoned to the Secret Service.

3:40 p.m.: Attorney General John Ashcroft says the four planes involved in Tuesday's attacks were hijacked by between three to six individuals in each aircraft. Ashcroft says some received pilot training in the United States.

4 p.m.: America's NATO allies declare the terrorist attacks an assault on the alliance itself. "An attack on one is an attack on all," NATO Secretary-General Lord Robertson says.

NATO and Russia agree to increase cooperation to fight international terrorism. China says it might participate if any response involves the United Nations.

6 p.m.: Bush visits the Pentagon. **7 p.m.:** Congress holds a prayer vigil in the Capitol Rotunda.

During the afternoon: The Federal Aviation Administration prohibits passengers from carrying knives of any size or sort, even plastic, on commercial flights, the first regulatory response to the hijackers, some of whom wielded knives and box cutters, according to numerous passenger accounts. The FAA also outlaws the sale or use of knives anywhere in airport terminals, including restaurants and concession stands.

■ It also eliminates curbside check-in; announces security officers will search jetliners before passengers board; and, to reduce the risk of smuggling bombs aboard, passenger planes no longer will carry cargo or mail.

At night: Congress meets to debate the Bush administration's request for a multibillion-dollar down payment to battle terrorism, help rebuild the Pentagon, clean up debris in New York City, reimburse for rescue efforts, and improve security.

■ Police in Quincy and Weymouth investigate three incidents of vandalism at local businesses owned by Arab-Americans, including a potentially deadly attempt to blow up a gas station in Weymouth.

Someone smashed the window of one store in Quincy, and the words "support boycott" were spray painted on two windows of another store there.

Quincy Police say several harassing messages were left on the telephone answering machine at the Islamic Center of New England in Quincy Point.



■ Rescue workers remove debris from the rubble of the World Trade Center towers on Sept. 13, 2001.

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Your VOICES

Feelings of disbelief,
heartache and
helplessness came over
me all at once.
During the seemingly
endless hour of tragedy,
I came to realize that
despite how much
terrorists try, America
will not fall.

Kristine Prioli, 16
High School Junior
Braintree

My brother, Douglas,
was in the midst of it.
He was at the corner of
Wall Street and
Broadway at 9:59 a.m.
He prayed that his three
little girls would not
have to grow up without
their father. We are
all thankful to the Lord
that his life
was spared.

Gail Izbicki
Weymouth High School teacher

As Americans, it is
important to remember
that we are not
terrorists, but rather
rational people who
should act in
such a manner.
But we should react.
Our sense of peace was
dealt a debilitating blow,
but our pride has
not been marred.

Doug Emmett, 17
Scituate High School Senior

The U.S. should not
react with terrorism, but
be vigilant with
capturing and punishing
those responsible for
these horrific acts.
This country will
remain strong and
like the phoenix,
we will rise from the
ashes and flourish
once again.

Christine Fitzgerald, 34
Administrative assistant to
Cohasset town manager
Rockland

I knew immediately that
we were at war. We
couldn't let this act go
unanswered. I feared for
my son. He had just filled
out his draft card in July.
Our government's
response must be
measured and precise.
We should act
with confidence,
but prudently.

Bob Birch
Scituate

I think we need
retaliation, definitely –
military strikes . . . I
really don't fear war. If
they went to war, that
would be fine with me.

Mike Anastasia, 18
Freshman
Massachusetts Bay Community
College
Canton

Special Report

ATTACK Day 3



■ An American flag is placed in the rubble of the World Trade Center as the search for survivors and the recovery of the victims continued on Thursday.

The Investigation OUTRAGE

Sept. 13, 2001

Investigators withheld names, but felt confident who to blame for the massacre that caused New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani to order 11,000 body bags from the federal government.

Morning:

■ The Bush administration singles out Osama bin Laden, the militant Islamic Fundamentalist believed to be operating from Afghanistan, as the prime suspect in the attacks. The president of Pakistan promises Secretary of State Colin Powell information on bin Laden's operations.

■ After calling retaliation the "focus of my administration," Bush announces he would tour the wreckage in New York City on Friday, after observing a National Day of Prayer and Remembrance at the National Cathedral in Washington.

■ The skies open to air traffic at 11, but only a fraction of an average day's flights take off. About 250 commercial aircraft are aloft in the United States at 4:30 p.m.; more than 5,000 fewer than during a typical day, including military and private flights.

■ All but two major airports, Logan and Ronald Reagan National Airport in Washington, are cleared to open.

■ Giuliani announces that 94 people are confirmed dead (fewer than half have been identified) and 4,763 people are reported missing.

■ Pentagon officials announce a preliminary death toll at the facility of 190 – the 64 passengers aboard American Airlines Flight 77 and 126 Pentagon personnel.

■ Wall Street and the rest of the nation's financial center remain closed for a third successive day, the longest consecutive suspension of trading since the end of World War II.

■ Insurance industry experts say the attack could become the nation's most expensive manmade disaster, with payouts ranging from \$5 billion to \$25 billion.

Afternoon:

■ Attorney General John Ashcroft says federal authorities have identified 18 men who hijacked the commercial jets used in the attacks and have accelerated a nationwide manhunt for dozens of accomplices.

"We're pursuing a couple thousand credible leads and I believe we're making progress on those leads," Ashcroft says.

■ FBI Director Robert Mueller says the 18 men – five on each of the two planes that crashed into the World Trade Center, and four each on the planes that crashed into the Pentagon and in Pennsylvania – all were ticketed passengers on the four planes involved in the attack.

■ Boats take more than 3,000 tons of rubble from the World Trade Center to a former Staten Island garbage dump, where FBI agents and other investigators search for evidence, hoping to find the hijacked planes' black boxes.

"We're looking at a pile of rubble 30 to 40 feet high. Where do you start?" asks sheriff's Sgt. Mike Goldberg of Hampden County, Mass.

■ Stock market officials announce trading will resume Monday after a four-day shutdown.

■ Investigators in Pennsylvania find the black box from United Airlines Flight 93 in a field of debris six miles from the crash site.

■ In deference to the victims, sports calls a collective timeout. The National Football League, Major League Baseball, the three professional golf tours, NASCAR, and major college football schools cancel their games, races or tournaments through the weekend.

■ Mullah Mohammed Omar, leader of Afghanistan's ruling Taliban, says U.S. investigators are trying to link bin Laden to the attacks "unjustifiably."

■ German authorities said three of the terrorists who died in the crashes were members of a group of Islamic extremists in Hamburg that had been planning attacks on the United States.

Night:

■ The House of Representatives votes overwhelmingly to give the families of the victims tax breaks usually reserved for military casualties, including forgiving the victims' 2001 income taxes and, in effect, halving any estate tax.

■ Congress overcomes misgivings from some lawmakers over granting President Bush open-ended authority, and agrees to allocate \$40 billion in emergency spending – double the administration's request – to wage an anti-terror initiative.

Congress also works on the wording of a resolution that would give Bush broad military authority for counter-strikes against the attackers' sponsors.

"It's not necessarily war powers, but it's within the framework of the War Powers Act," says House Speaker J. Dennis Hastert.



■ Rachel Uchitel made an emotional plea as she searched for her fiancé James Andrew O'Grady outside Bellevue Hospital in Manhattan on Thursday. O'Grady was working on the 104th floor of Tower 2.



■ Students light candles at an altar in Dresden, Germany, to remember victims of Tuesday's terrorist attacks.

Special Report

Your
VOICES

I am not sure that I could ask any firefighter to go into a building that was just hit by an airplane . . . The prayers of the Braintree Fire Department are with the families of those killed and injured in this disaster.

Jim South, 58
Training Officer
Braintree Fire Department

I really didn't sleep well Tuesday night. I had this feeling of anger. I needed to do something. I can't give blood, so I got a flag and stood in front of town hall, whatever that means to anybody driving by. To me it meant we are going to get through this.

Tony Andreotti, 68
Town veterans agent
Canton

On Dec. 7, 1941, I heard about the attack on Pearl Harbor on the radio at Jack Ryan's Variety Store. I raced home to tell my parents. On Sept. 11, 2001, a neighbor called to tell me about the attack on the World Trade Building in New York City. Instinctively, I realized World War III had begun. These ears of a member of the "Greatest Generation" are tired and want to hear only words of peace.

Cecily Sullivan
Octogenarian
Norwell

When I came home my mom and dad had the TV on, and when I saw that plane go through that building, I wanted to cry. Who could do this? Who could want to hurt so many innocent people? I just didn't get it.

Anna Torrey, 14
Weymouth High School student

We can also honor all of our deceased heroes (who are now in a better place) by singing a patriotic song like "God Bless America." This is a simple and heartfelt gesture.

D.E. Lynch, 70s
Norwell

When things are at its worst, America is always at its best. We have always overcome, and we will never give up. God Bless America!

Sarah Iverson, 17
Whitman-Hanson
High School senior
Whitman



■ As rescue efforts continue, President Bush raises an American flag while standing on a burnt fire truck in front of the World Trade Center during a tour of the devastation. Firefighter Bob Beckwith is at right. Bush also was accompanied by New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani and other New York politicians.

Associated Press photo

ATTACK Day 4

Remembrance GOD, COUNTRY

Sept. 14, 2001

Boisterous patriotism and solemn prayers and hymns across the nation muffled the war room talk building in Washington, where Congress approved billions of dollars to hunt the hijackers' accomplices.

Morning

President Bush leads the nation in prayer at the National Cathedral, declaring America is united by a "kinship of grief and steadfast resolve" to defeat terrorism. Former Presidents Clinton, Bush, Carter and Ford also attend the service.

"Our responsibility to history is already clear, to answer these attacks and rid the world of evil," Bush says.

■ St. Christine's Church in Marshfield, United First Parish Church in Quincy and residents of Stoughton conduct special services in memory of the victims of the attack.

■ Investigators at the Pentagon find the flight data recorder and voice recorder from American Airlines Flight 77.

■ Bush authorizes the Pentagon to call 50,000 reservists to active duty for "homeland defense" and recovery missions. They will be assigned to port operations, medical support, engineer support and general civil support.

■ The Justice Department releases the names of the 19 hijackers.

■ Rescuers at World Trade Center site face another obstacle: rain that turns dust to mud that worsens footing.

■ Jetliners slowly return to the nation's skies and travelers experience increased security measures. New York metropolitan area's three major airports reopen after being shutdown another 18 hours.

A few passengers showed up Friday morning at Logan Airport in Boston after several airlines mistakenly told passengers their flights would be leaving from there.

Logan and Worcester airports and Hancosm Field announce each will reopen Saturday.

Afternoon

The House and Senate approve \$40 billion in emergency aid to help the victims and to retaliate against the surviving terrorists responsible for the attack. Half of the money

must be used for disaster recovery and other relief at the locations where the four hijacked planes crashed: New York, the Pentagon, and Pennsylvania.

The Senate also gives its consent to the president to use "necessary and appropriate force" against the attackers.

■ Secretary of State Colin Powell appeals to foreign governments to stop providing money and other support to terrorist organizations.

■ The ruling Taliban threatens revenge if the United States attacks Afghanistan for shielding the primary suspect, Osama bin Laden.

"If a country or group violates our country, we will not forget our revenge," Taliban spokesman Abdul Hai Muttmain says.

■ Bush flies to New York City to meet with rescue workers, survivors and tour the Trade Center site.

He takes a short helicopter tour of the area and then walks between piles of rubble while talking to firefighters, police officers and volunteers.

Gov. George Pataki, Mayor Rudolph Giuliani and numerous congressional delegates from New York, New Jersey and Connecticut, including New York's two Democratic senators, Charles Schumer and Hillary Rodham Clinton, accompany him.

■ The FBI clears about a dozen travelers of Middle Eastern descent detained at two New York airports of any connection with the attacks. One person remained in custody Friday, but had not been charged and may be released.

■ Leaders of 15 European Union nations vow to help capture the accomplices and hold accountable any country that shelters terrorists.

■ Abdul Salam Zaeef, the Afghan ambassador to Pakistan, says before receiving any assistance from him, the United States would have to provide convincing evidence against bin Laden.

■ Lack of security impels the John Hancock Financial Services company to announce it will close the John Hancock Observatory to the public.

Private functions already scheduled to take place there this year will not be affected, but extra security will be present.



■ The USS Carl Vinson, above left, and the USS Enterprise, above right, sail in close formation in this 1996 file photo. The Enterprise had been due to return home after being relieved this month by the Vinson, but it was ordered to remain in the Arabian Sea indefinitely.



■ President Bush and first lady Laura Bush stand as the American flag passes during a national day of prayer and remembrance service at the National Cathedral. Also in the front row are former President George Bush and Barbara Bush, and former President Bill Clinton and Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., with their daughter Chelsea.

Day of Infamy



■ Fire erupts from the south tower of the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001, as seen in this photo from television, raining debris on New York. The tower was later the first to collapse.

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